



Tallil Times

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Immunizations

All immunizations can (and should) be given at the clinic in Bedrock. If you go to the Army clinic/hospital, you must provide documentation to Lt. Col. Leroy White, 407th AEG Chief of Flight Medicine, that the shot was given so it can be entered into the AF database. Lack of this documentation will result in re-immunization.

Bedrock Central

Bedrock City Council will meet Apr. 28, at 9 a.m., in the 407th AEG conference room. Security Forces and Anti Terrorism will brief.

The Bedrock Health, Morale, Safety and Welfare committee meets Tuesdays at 8 a.m., in the Chapel Annex. Discussion this week will be about a sunbathing area and the Hot Spot move. This is an open forum for all interested in attending.

Infrastructure committee meeting is held Tuesdays at 2 p.m., in the 407th ECES conference room, Bldg. 630.

Call 445-2237 for more information.

Correction

In the Apr. 15, edition of the Tallil Times, Airman 1st Class Jared Bennett was recognized as a Below-the-Zone winner. Actually, Airman 1st Class Jeremy Barret, 407th ECES, was the one promoted Below-the-Zone. Congratulations Senior Airman Barret.

Don't be complacent

Leaders here remind everyone that we're deployed to a combat zone and we should be constantly vigilant. Keep an eye out for anything suspicious. If you see something out of the ordinary, report it immediately to security forces



Photo by 1st Lt. John Fage

U.S. Army Sergeant Joseph Farrington (Left), stands next to his father, Air Force Tech. Sgt. Mark Farrington, Apr. 12. Both father and son are currently deployed at separate locations in Iraq.

Father and son reunited

By Master Sgt. Terry Nelson

407th AEG Public Affairs

Technical Sgt. Mark Farrington, 407th Expeditionary Logistics Squadron, knew one thing for sure; he wasn't going to leave Iraq until he saw his oldest son, Joseph. With Tech. Sgt. Farrington scheduled to rotate back to his home unit, the 42nd Aerial Port Squadron, Westover Air Reserve Base, Mass., at the end of April, time was becoming an issue.

Tech. Sgt. Farrington is here at Ali Base, and his son, Army Sergeant Joseph Farrington, is assigned to the 2-7 Bravo Company, 3rd Infantry Division, stationed out of FOB Summerall in Bayji. The Soldiers of the 3rd ID have an extremely high operations tempo, with little or no time off. So, a reunion between father and son would be extremely difficult.

"I haven't seen my son very much since he joined the Army two and a half years ago and I really wanted to see him before I left," Sergeant Farrington said. "Joseph has been in Iraq twice; he has been here for four months so far, and he could be here as long as 18 months."

Joseph Farrington was 20 when he decided to enlist. He decided to join the Army after visiting with Air Force, Marine and Army recruiters. He has progressed up the ranks quickly, and was promoted to sergeant, (E-5) after less than two and a half years.

"I joined the Army because I wanted to challenge my mind and body as much as possible," said Sergeant Farrington.

In January, Tech. Sgt. Farrington approached the 407th ELRS commander, Maj.

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Commander's Corner

By Col. Dennis M. Diggett

407th AEG Commander

Hello everyone! Well, we are now heading down the home stretch of our deployment. Before you know it we will all be home gaining weight. Retro in your mind the last 100 days; can you believe all that you have accomplished in that short time? It's all about you, your dedication, your perseverance, your positive attitude, your commitment to ALL of your fellow human beings, American, Coalition and Iraqi.

As a deployment draws to a close, commanders often worry about the ability to maintain focus as their people begin to allow themselves to think about what they are going to do when they return home to friends and family.

We, however, won't have time for those pleasant thoughts because I still have a great deal of work for you to keep your mind focused on! On Apr. 23, we will begin to move the Hot Spot, Library and Comfort Zone to the currently being refurbished hospital tents.

On Apr. 24, we begin to completely reverse the airfield, moving the Army aircraft to where the Air Force aircraft were and vice versa. We are doing these things not to benefit ourselves (and not as a ploy to keep you



focused either!), but to benefit the mission and the people of Ali that follow us. What is our motto? "To Make it Better". And you have.

Some would say only an Eeeevil commander would ask those that have done so much to do even more just before they are about to get out of Dodge. But you, you know better. You know that you feel a huge sense of satisfaction in a job well done, in the knowledge that you have already done more than any other rotation in pushing forward the transformation of the expeditionary Tallil Air Base to the more enduring Ali Base.

This last three week push will be finished after some of you have already left and some of those completing the task will be those who replace you and they, like I, will know that AEF 3/4 was the Champion of Change.

On a less motivational but more pragmatic note, as we enter these last 3 weeks, the weather will be getting hotter and hotter.

The heat condition will be broadcast over Giant Voice and sent out in e-mail to "All Personnel". Supervisors and first sergeants need to be aware of the heat condition and the associated work/rest cycle. Don't let your motivation get the best of you, particularly at the beginning of your work shift when you may not feel that tired or hot and you're told to take a break; observe the work/rest cycle!

Drink more water than you think you need, apply sunscreen, wear your floppy hat and, if you have the choice to do something in the sun or in the shade, do it in the shade.

Tallil Talks ...

What is the first thing you are going to do when you get home? (That I can print in the paper)



Airman 1st Class Karen Adado, 407th AEG Command post: "I am going to Wendy's and have a frosty and fries."



Major Robert Reed, 407th AEG Chief of Safety: "I am going to The Alamo Café and have fajitas and margaritas."



Airman 1st Class Herbie Clark, 407th ECES Force Protection: "I am going to a club and do some break dancing."



Airman 1st Class Fred Spurlin, 407th ESVS: "I am going to take a long hot bath."



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Medal options for deployed Airmen

By Senior Master Sgt. Whitney Jackson

407th AEG PERSCO

How many of us have answered that question, "what's that one for?" as someone looked us over while we wore our "chest full of medals". PERSCO has that answer for you, but in reality much of that decision depends upon you.

Deploying to the old Tallil Air Base or the new Ali Base makes you eligible to wear the Armed Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon (AFESR) with Gold Border, once you've been here for 45 consecutive days or 90 nonconsecutive days on a deployed status.

The AFESR shall be worn between the Air Force Overseas Long Tour Ribbon and the Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon. Subsequent awards of the ribbon are denoted by oak leaf clusters. Keep reading, there is at least one more medal that you will have to choose to wear. That's right, I said, "choose."

For instance, there is the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (GWOT-E).

Merely by deploying to Iraq (there are other qualifying countries as well), for 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days (there is no time limit required for nonconsecutive days to be accumulated)—you have just earned yourself another medal. You are only authorized one GWOT-E medal in your career, meaning oak leaf clusters will not be worn on this medal. This is where keeping your medals straight gets tricky—read the next two paragraphs carefully!

There are two new medals approved by the President of the United States that we are authorized to wear ONLY IF we DO NOT apply to wear the GWOT-E medal.

These medals are the Iraq and Afghanistan Campaign medals.

You are qualified to wear the Afghanistan Campaign medal if you served in Afghanistan on or after October 24, 2003 to present date.



To be eligible to wear the Iraq Campaign medal, you must have served in Iraq on or after March 19, 2003 to present date.

It is important to keep a copy of your paid travel voucher until the Air Force Personnel Center has a chance to announce how it will update these medals in our personnel records.

So you have to ask yourself, "Which medal do you want to wear for this deployment period?" The GWOT-E, Iraq Campaign Medal, or the Afghanistan Campaign Medal?

Remember, the GWOT-E is no longer going to be available to those who deploy to Afghanistan and Iraq after Apr. 30, 2005. If you choose to be awarded the GWOT-E for this deployment you must have arrived in this AOR prior to Mar. 17, 2005.

It's your choice, but as we look to the future, most of us will have a chance to earn the GWOT-E on future deployments; we may get lucky and never have to return to Afghanistan or Iraq.

Be a good battle buddy

By Master Sgt. Strother Brown

407th ESFS First Sergeant

Fellow Airmen, as I continue to acclimate myself to my new surroundings here at Ali Base, I cannot stress enough the benefits of having a "Battle Buddy" to assist in my quest to be fully mission capable. You may be more familiar with the term "Wingman", but the concept is the same; having a person who is committed to watch your six and care about your situation.

A battle buddy can take on many roles. It may be an open agreement between two Airmen to watch out for each other's welfare or it can be an undeclared resolve to assist others that you yourself may possess. Both are important.

Remember back in time when you were new to the base and you had to adjust to a new routine. In short order you had to learn and adjust to new faces, places and rules of engagement.

Complicating matters are the myriad of potential hazards that exist in a combat zone. Tactics, techniques and procedures (TTP) have been developed to mitigate most of these hazards. These TTPs are vitally important to ensure your safety and are not intended solely to be inconvenient or to make your life more difficult. So look at your battle buddy as an extra TTP.

A battle buddy can be of great assistance in dealing with the many challenges that you face when you arrive to Ali Base. As many

of you will soon be preparing to rotate out of the CENTAF Area Of Responsibility, remember back to the time when you were first here and how difficult it was for you to acclimate yourself to your new surroundings. A good battle buddy will help with this transition as he or she will try and minimize the many stressors that come with a deployment to a combat zone. Remember "One Team, One Fight!" We are all sensors out there for each other, what may seem trivial to one person, can mean disaster to another. This is where having a battle buddy that is in tune to you and your surroundings will come in handy! People are our greatest resource, and an investment worth taking.



Listen up Warfighters ...

Keep hydrated, drink plenty of water... carry on troops!

Advice for families with returning Ali Base warriors

By Master Sgt. Michael Messersmith

407th ECES Readiness Flight Chief

Have a tent with sleeping bag set up in the backyard. Your Ali Base warrior will probably insist on sleeping there for awhile, but don't worry. This will pass in two or three weeks.

They will likely move all their possessions into an area approximately 5 feet by 7 feet and will become very aggressive if anyone enters his or her "space."

Don't be surprised if your Ali Base warrior gets up in the middle of the night, puts on a pair of shorts, t-shirt, shoes and walks around the block several times and comes back to go to the bathroom. Eventually they will realize that this can be done in usually 15 steps or less and without the need to get dressed.

Advise all your neighbors not to leave anything shiny or clean lying around that is not bolted down, as your Ali Base warrior will try to improve the home with it or trade it to another neighbor for something more useful.

Males: Score big points with your returning Ali Base warrior, take her out to dinner at a fancy restaurant with good wine and romantic candles. Remember, for the past four to six months it's been the Coalition Cafe, warm soda, and cellophane wrapped fluorescent lighting.

Females: Take your Ali Base warrior to his favorite fast food place (DO NOT, repeat, DO NOT take him to Burger King or Pizza Hut) and afterwards buy him his favorite soft drink or alcoholic beverage. This should be more than enough to satisfy.

Please ensure you have plastic plates and eating utensils for your Ali Base warrior when making them that special "welcome home" meal. Ensure you buy the absolutely cheapest forks for them to use, as they like the experience of the tines breaking in their

mash potatoes and then swallowing them. For dessert, offer your warrior ice cream but only in vanilla, chocolate, or strawberry. If you offer cake for dessert make sure it sits on the counter for a week to remove any moisture it might have.

When the house is too hot or cold, your Ali Base warrior will go outside looking for what's called "the ECU." Kindly but firmly remind them that the adjustment controls are inside.

Make sure you initially do all the driving to reacclimatize your Ali Base warrior to real highways. When exceeding 20 mph, your warrior will likely grab the dashboard in a death grip and plead with you to slow down. This should pass within a couple of weeks.

For the first few days your Ali Base warrior will probably go outside just prior to eating and get a hand full of dirt. Do not be alarmed, as this is a natural part of the digestion process at Ali Base.

During mealtime, your Ali Base warrior will flail the free hand every 15 seconds or so. Kindly remind your warrior there are no flies in the eating area. This ingrained activity will probably persist for up to several weeks.

Your Ali Base warrior may go out and buy a bag of chocolates and put them in the oven. This will make your warrior feel better as this is how they come in the mail.

If your Ali Base warrior tries to move the TV out on the porch, tenderly remind him or her that there is room in the house to sit and watch.

Upon the initial return of your Ali Base warrior, don't be surprised that if you light up a cigarette you're shuffled quickly outside and made to sit in a metal chair at least 25 feet from your house.

If you accidentally turn out a room light that your Ali Base warrior is in, expect to hear an immediate and lengthy stream of cursing. To end this, quickly flip the light switch back on and say, "See? It's just the switch. We still have power!"

If all the bathtubs and sinks in the house are full to the brim, do not touch! Your Ali

Base warrior is simply hoarding water in case your state decides to implement rationing.

Do not be alarmed when your Ali Base warrior gets in the shower and turns the water on for a few seconds then turns it off. They will then turn the water on one more time and turn it off again. Finally they will turn the water on and turn it off a final time. This is called a combat shower and you will have to reacclimatize your warrior to the wonders of constantly running water.

Don't be surprised if your Ali Base warrior gets toilet tissue to wipe their hands once they finished washing in the bathroom. This is a programmed response due to the quality of paper towels they have been using for drying their hands.

Your Ali Base warrior may install a security system, but only for the laundry room. Explain that where you live, it's extremely unlikely a thief will break into your home and steal his or her clothes from the washer or dryer.

Do not be alarmed if your Ali Base warrior stumbles frequently while trying to walk. You must understand that your warrior has been walking on rocks that range in size from peas to grapefruit. The unsteadiness should pass quickly, as soon as they realize there are solid surfaces to walk on.

Your Ali Base warrior may have a strange habit in the morning of turning their nose to the East and sniffing the air. There is no cause for alarm they are just wondering where the odiferous aroma of burning trash has gone.

Don't be surprised if your Ali Base warrior gets very excited when they see grass. They may even point constantly and say things like, "Ooooh, it's so green!" They have had nothing to look at, but drab brown for so long they may have forgotten the other colors in the spectrum.

We hope these simple explanations and suggestions will help you reacclimatize your Ali Base warrior to the realities of the "real" world. Please be patient with your warrior as the idiosyncrasies they exhibit should pass in a relatively short period of time.



Listen up Warfighters ... Don't get complacent, you are not home yet! ... carry on troops

Scorpions: The nocturnal pests

By Master Sgt. Lawrence Robinson

407th ECES Pest Management Team

There are several insects that call the desert area of Ali their home, among them are scorpions. Like other insects, scorpions can be beneficial to the environment, but also have their detrimental qualities.

Scorpions have four sets of walking legs and a front pair with claws at the end. All scorpions share a similar appearance so they are easy to identify. One of their most distinctive characteristics is their long tail that houses a venom gland and stinger at the very tip. All species possess a neurotoxic venom and are excellent hunters, usually preying on crickets, centipedes, and other large insects. The claws of the scorpion in most species are very strong and can easily hold its prey, but if its prey is too strong it injects them with its venom. The venom paralyzes its prey almost instantly. The scorpion is then free to enjoy its meal.

Out of 1,700 different species of scorpion there are only seven of importance on Ali. The most common species is the Lesser Asian Scorpion, *Mesobuthus eupeus*. They are 1.5 to 2 inches long are light brown to dull yellow in color. This scorpion is very quick to seek a hiding place and is considered mild mannered.



The Lesser Asian Scorpion is the most common scorpion here at Ali Base. They measure from 1.5 to 2 inches long and are light brown to dull yellow in color. This scorpion is very quick to seek a hiding place and is considered mild mannered.



Courtesy Photos

The Large Claw Scorpion is yellow to brown in color and two-toned in appearance. They measure from 1.5 to 2 inches and their most distinguishing mark is their extremely large claws. Their sting is comparable to that of a bee.

The next scorpion does not have a common name in English; its scientific name is *Odontobuthus doriae*. It can get as large as 2 3/8 inches, is pale yellow, and its legs are translucent. This species is considered very

aggressive and its sting is very painful.

The Large Claw Scorpion, *Scorpio maurus*, is yellow to brown in color and two-toned in appearance. They measure from 1.5 to 2 inches in length and their most distinguishing mark is their extremely large claws. They are considered very aggressive but their stinging ability is limited due to lack of agility and the ability to strike. Their sting is comparable to that of a bee.

Fourth on our list is the *Androctonus crassicauda*; its common names are the Black Scorpion or the Black Flat Tailed Scorpion. They measure up to 3.5 inches long and their color range is brown to black. Their venom is highly toxic and its size makes it an intimidating looking insect. Looks in this case are deceiving because this particular species is considered non-aggressive.

Our fifth scorpion is the *Leiurus quinquestriatus*; its common names are the Deathstalker Scorpion, Israeli Yellow Scorpion, or Yellow Scorpion. They measure from 3.5 to 4.5 inches and they are a brightly colored scorpion but mostly in the yellow range. This species of scorpion has one of the most toxic venoms of all species.

Scorpion

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This species is very aggressive but their tail is very thin. This characteristic can be used to help identify this species.

The *Androctonus amoreuxi* is our next species. Its common name is the Black Fat-Tailed Scorpion but it ranges in color from olive brown to reddish brown and into the gray range. It can measure up to 4 inches and its venom is considered extremely toxic. The claws or pincers of this species are considered very weak but the tail is strong and muscular. This species can be dangerous when cornered.

The final scorpion on our list is the *Hemiscorpius lepturus*. This scorpion has no common name. The color range of this species is yellow to yellow-brown in color. Its most distinguishing mark is a dark stripe on the area of its body right in front of its tail. They measure from 2 to 3.5 inches. The biggest difference between this scorpion and the other is its venom, it is cytotoxic. This venom causes wounds and inflammations that often look like 3rd degree burns with blisters. The effect of this venom is similar to that of a brown recluse spider.

Scorpions are nocturnal creatures. During the day they live in burrows, beneath rocks, boards, in and around sand bags and other such areas. At night they come out to



Courtesy Photo

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hunt and feed on insects (like the ones mentioned earlier in this article).

These pests will also live in our tents if we allow them. We suggest the following safety tips in dealing with scorpions:

1. If you are stung by any scorpion seek medical attention right away.
2. If you are working in any areas of rock piles, rubble, sand bags, or around tents be sure to wear work gloves. Also, watch where you put your hands.
3. Do not leave clothing or other such items lying on the floor. Scorpions can hide or seek shelter in these areas.

4. Before you put on your boots or shoes shake them out in case one crawled in over night or during the day.

In general, scorpions will run the other direction when they see us. Some of them mentioned in this article are said to be dangerous and aggressive, but that is mostly when they are in danger or cornered. As long as you remember that scorpions can not be treated like your favorite pet you will be fine. If you see one, do not panic. Just remember that they do have a concept of size and will run the other way when they see us.

Fire safety...

As our tour comes to an end, it is just as important as ever to ensure that you have all the necessary equipment available to ensure the safety of yourself, as well as those living around you.

It is everyone's responsibility to ensure you have an operable fire extinguisher, smoke detector, and air horn. If you haven't already done so, we suggest that each tent assign a Fire/Safety monitor to inspect each of these items weekly.

Smoke detector batteries should be changed at least once during the rotation. That means they are probably due to be changed; so change them. The following information comes from home related fire deaths in the US in 2004.



Nearly 4,000 die in residential fires each year!

Residential structure fires, the very place people should feel the safest, unfortunately account for the vast majority of fatal fires. The most worrisome is that in two-thirds of these fires, smoke alarms are missing or not working. Smoke alarms, when present need to be tested frequently and batteries need to be replaced at least twice a year to ensure their effectiveness.

If any fire equipment is found out of service it can be replaced by stopping by the 407th ECES Fire Department or contacting the Fire Prevention office at 445-2079.

The Fire Department is currently out of smoke detectors but if you leave them your information they will make sure you get one as soon as they receive a new shipment.

Reunion

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Karn Carlson, and his 1st Sgt., Master Sgt. Lavon Coles, and asked if it would be possible for him to see his son while they were both stationed in Iraq.

Over the past four months there had been many phone calls and e-mail discussions between both the father's and son's leadership about how they could make the reunion work. Unfortunately, time was running out and firm travel reservations had not been made.

That all changed on the afternoon of Apr. 11, word came down that a plan had been devised; Tech. Sgt. Farrington was finally going to see his son.

"As of 4 p.m., Apr. 11, plans had still not been finalized; but somehow everything just fell into place, said Sergeant Farrington. "I know that my safety was the commander's first priority, and he just wanted to make sure I would have a safe trip."

So, with his commanders blessing, and a plan devised by Army Capt. James Dykes, Company commander of the 2-7 Infantry Bravo Company, MSgt. Coles and First Sergeant Arthur Schwarz from 2-7 Bravo, the two were to reunite at an undisclosed Air Base in South west Asia.

With all the details ironed out, a jubilant Tech. Sgt. Farrington boarded a C-130 in the early morning hours of Apr. 12, bound for Balad Air Base, Iraq.

"Once I landed in Balad, I was told I would be flying into Al Sahara Air Base. Coincidentally, I was on the same plane that was picking up Joseph and flying us to our final destination," said Tech Sgt. Farrington. "I recognized one of the load masters on the flight and told him what was happening and he agreed to help. So when the Soldiers started filing into the plane, in columns of two, he stopped them and brought Joseph up to the front so we could meet."



Courtesy Photo

Tech. Sgt. Mark Farrington, 407th ELRS, (Right) looks admirably at his son, Joseph, as they sit aboard a C-130 earlier this month. Sergeant Farrington said it was a very emotional reunion that would not have been possible if it hadn't been for the help of a lot of caring people.

"It was a very emotional reunion," said Tech Sgt. Farrington. "I am so proud of him, and all the Soldiers; they are the real warriors, faced with combat every minute of every day."

Father and son landed safely and spent some quality time relaxing together and getting reacquainted.

"Just seeing my son and being able to spend a little time with him meant more to me than you could ever imagine, we have so much in common," said Sergeant Farrington. "We watched King of the Hill DVD's, laid out by the pool, had a couple beers and shared our first cigar together. "My wife was really jealous of me but she was very happy that we were able to spend time together." it seams like every time I am home, Joseph is deployed or vice versa",

"Time went by so fast, and the hardest part was having to say good-bye, at least

for a few days he wasn't in any danger, said Tech. Sgt. Farrington. "I just want to thank everyone who made it possible for me to spend time with Joseph, I really appreciate it.

Tech. Sgt. Farrington left his son Apr. 15; to finish up his tour at Ali Base while Sergeant Farrington departed Apr. 16, for FOB Summerall; both with one common goal, accomplishing the mission and returning home safely.

The younger Sergeant Farrington will continue serving with the 3rd ID, truly believing in what he is doing, with plans on becoming an Army officer. If that doesn't pan out, he wants to become a teacher.

His father will be headed back home to Cheshire, Conn. Apr. 27, to reunite with his wife Monique and youngest son Michael, but his heart and prayers will be with Joseph as he continues to serve in Iraq.

Base honors Airmen killed in Oklahoma City bombing

More than 50 family members of an Airman killed in the Oklahoma City bombing visited Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., on Apr. 18, to see the base's bombing memorial and attend a service at the base chapel before the 10th anniversary of the Apr. 19, bombing.

Airman 1st Class Lakesha Levy was killed when the Alfred P.

Murrah Federal Building in downtown Oklahoma City was destroyed in 1995. Among Airman Levy's family who visited the base were her 12-year-old son, Corey, and her mother Constance Favorite.

More than 1,000 military and civilian people from Tinker took part in rescue, recovery and relief operations in the wake of the bombing.

Another Tinker Airman, Airman 1st Class Carney McRaven, was also killed in the bombing.



407th AEG Warrior of the Week A1C Karen Adado



Unit: 407th Air Expeditionary Group Command Post

Home unit: 355th Wing, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.

Why other warriors say she's a warrior:

Known as the voice behind Giant Voice. She's relayed numerous EOD detonations and weather warnings ensuring base populace safety.

Her infectious positive attitude and professionalism is a main stay of the CP. She has immeasurably enhanced CP rapport with U.S. and coalitional aircrews, receiving positive feedback time and time again.

She single-handedly combined six separate CP display tools into one user friendly Mission Management Board. The board is used by CP controllers to track aircraft code words, IPE posture, heat stress conditions, arrival/departure of DVs, UCC activation/status as well as base attack information.

Airman Adado is very active throughout the base volunteering for set-up/teardown for the 407th AEG staff picnic, singing the National Anthem for the Apr. promotion ceremony, group staff Alternate representative for the Operation Outreach Program and participated in Ali Star Search competition, Casino Night and Sports Day.

Hobbies: Playing dominoes, working out, salsa dancing and most card games.

What is your most memorable Air Force experience: This deployment. Seeing and experiencing the can-do attitudes of all personnel. Together we are making a difference in the War on Terror.

Congratulations...Texes Hold 'Em winners...

Saturday's winners were: First Place; Senior Airman Jayson Gassler, 407th ESFS; Second place; Staff Sgt. Maurice Vales, 407th ECS; Third Place; Airman 1st Class Karen Adado, 407th AEG

Identify This



KNOW WHAT THIS IS? Each week, the "Tallil Times" staff takes a photo from around Ali Base. If you can identify the object or item, shoot us an e-mail at: tallil.times@tlab.aorcentaf.af.mil. with "Identify This" in the subject block. The winner gets their name printed in the Tallil Times. Congratulations to Airman 1st Class Megan Peters, who was the first to correctly identify the photo in last week's Tallil Times of an electronic dartboard.

From the Chapel

A Tale of Two Frogs

Once upon a time, two frogs fell into a large bowl of cream. Covered in the thick cream was not their delight, nor could they imagine a way out in sight.

For the more they hopped along the very walls of the bowl, the more they slipped, slumped, and sank into the cream, their efforts seemingly in vain.

They could not get sufficient foundation under their feet to make the leap over the brim of the bowl.

Exhausted from repeated efforts, one frog simply gave in, promptly plopped over upon its back, overwhelmed and consumed by the very cream in which it floated.

The other frog, however,

mustered strength, for one more jump, unbelieving in its futility. And then one more, with no cheering section in sight. And one more, and one more, and one more.

Finally, after putting forth the persistent effort and one more jump, the frog was sitting upon something more solid. It had created a ball of butter, from which it simply needed but one more hop, up and over the brim of the bowl.

Many of you are the encouragement not only for each other, but also for family. May the story of the frog encourage you and your family, whether reunion is near or still at a distance. Your prayer is being answered. For now, keep on hopping.

OUT AND ABOUT



Worship Services

Worship is at the 407th Air Expeditionary Group Oasis of Peace Chapel, unless otherwise noted. The chapel is open 24 hours a day for prayer and reflection. For details on worship opportunities, call 445-2006.

Sunday

0730 Catholic Confession
@ Chapel/Chaplain's
Office

0800 Roman Catholic
Mass @ Chapel

0930 Traditional Protestant
Service @ Chapel

1000 LDS Service @
Army Religious Activity
Center

1030 Roman Catholic
Mass @ Camp Cedar

1230 Gospel Service @
Big Top

1800 Contemporary Praise
Team Rehearsal @ Chapel

1900 Contemporary
Worship Service @ Chapel

Monday

1800 Weekday Mass @
Chapel

1830 Gospel Service
Prayer Hour @ Conf.
Room

1930 Gospel Choir
Rehearsal @ Big Top

Tuesday

0600 Weekday Mass @
Chapel

1900 RCIA @ Conf.
Room

Wednesday

1700 Catholic Choir
Rehearsal @ Chapel

1800 Weekday Mass @
Chapel

2000 40 Days of Purpose
Bible Study @ Chapel
Annex

Thursday

0600 Weekday Mass @
Chapel

1830 Catholic Choir
Rehearsal @ Chapel

1900 LDS Study @ Army
Religious Activity Center

1945 Gospel Service Bible
Study @ Chapel

Friday

1800 Weekday Mass @
Chapel

1830 Gospel Choir
Rehearsal @ Chapel

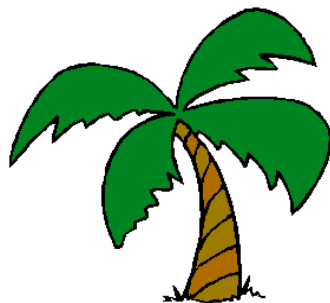
1145 Islamic Prayer @
Army Religious Activity
Center

Saturday

1730 Catholic Confession
@ Chapel/Chaplain's
Office

1800 Catholic Vigil Mass
@ Chapel

1900 Contemporary Praise
Team Rehearsal @ Chapel



Today

Noon, Hero
8 p.m., Hero
Midnight, Hero

Saturday

Noon, Viewers Choice
8 p.m., Viewers Choice
Midnight, Viewers Choice

Sunday

Noon, Perfect Murder
8 p.m., Perfect Murder
Midnight, Perfect Murder

Monday

Noon, Viewers Choice
8 p.m., Viewers Choice
Midnight, Viewers Choice

Tuesday

Noon, Viewers Choice
8 p.m., Viewers Choice
Midnight, Viewers Choice

Wednesday

Noon, Viewers Choice
8 p.m., Viewers Choice
Midnight, Viewers Choice

Thursday

Noon, Viewers Choice
8 p.m., Viewers Choice
Midnight, Viewers Choice

Apr. 29th

Noon, Viewers Choice
8 p.m., Viewers Choice
Midnight, Viewers Choice

Ali Base Olympic results

Soccer:

Gold medal - Romania

Silver medal - Italy

Bronze medal - U.S. Army

Tug of war:

Gold medal - ITT Company

Silver medal - Romania

Bronze medal - U.S. Army

Ping Pong:

Gold medal - Patrick Mualem, ITT Company

Silver medal - Gurin Valentin, Romania

Bronze medal - Mario Mezza, Italy

Strongman competition:

Gold medal - Romone Martinez, U.S. Army

Silver medal - Alyn Brown, U.S. Army

Bronze medal - Kelley Reagan, U.S. Army

Volleyball:

Gold medal - 407th EOSS (USAF)

Silver medal - Romania

Bronze medal - Italy

Basketball:

Gold medal - US Army

Silver medal - USAF

Dodgeball:

Gold medal - U.S. Army - Note: The Army were the only participants in this event.

